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C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 2223

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SA, KU
SUBJ: SAUDIS DISCLAIM KNOLWEDGE OF PURPORTED KUWAIT MEDIATION

1. A NUMBER OF JIDDA DAILIES MAY 25 STATED THAT KUWAIT HAD AGREED TO EMPLOY ITS GOOD OFFICES WITH SAG TO SOLVE BOUNDARY DISPUTE BETWEEN SAUDI ARABIA AND ABU DHABI. KUWAITIS WERE SUPPOSEDLY RESPONDING TO A REQUEST MADE BY AHMAD KALIFA AL- SUWAIDI, FONMIN OF UAE, AND PAPERS ADDED THAT DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS HAD ALREADY BEGUN BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES.

2. DURING AMBASSADOR THACHER' S CALL ON MININTERIOR PRINCE FAHD, MAY 27, HE ASKED PRINCE (AND DEPFONMIN MAS' UD, WHO ALSO PRESENT) WHAT BASES THERE MIGHT BE, IF ANY, FOR NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS. IN REPLY, FAHD AND MAS' UD BOTH AFFIRMED THEY HAD BEEN SURPRISED BY THESE REPORTS AND HAD NO IDEA WHAT THEIR FACTUAL CONTENT -- IF ANY -- MIGHT BE. PRINCE FAHD ADDED THAT SAUDI ARABIA SINCERELY WISHED TO RESOLVE ISSUES OUTSTANDING BETWEEN ITSELF AND
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THE UAE, AND WOULD SPARE NO EFFORT NOR GOOD WILL TO THIS END.

3. COMMENT: SEVERAL PAPERS SHOWED AFP AS SOURCE AND LATTER, OF COURSE, HAS BEEN KNOWN TO SHOOT WIDE OF MARK ON OTHER OCCASIONS. SHOULD ANY OF ADDRESSEES HAVE COME ACROSS CLUES AS TO ORIGINS OR RELIABILITY OF THIS DOUBTFUL STORY WE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO KNOW OF THEM.
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